(ii) The Petroleum regulatory Board Bill, 2002.	1 Hour
The Special Tribunals (Supplementary Provision) Repeal Bill, 2003.	Half-an-hour
(iv) The Lok Pal Bill, 2001.	4 Hours
Consideration and passing of the Indian Council of World Affairs (Amendment) Bill, 2003, as passed by Lok Sabha.	Half-an-hour.
Consideration and return of the Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2003, after it has been passed by Lok Sabha.	4 Hours
Consideration and passing of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2003.	1 Hour
Discussion on Resolution for adoption of recommendations of Railway Convention Committee on rate of dividend for 2003-2004 and other ancillary matters.	Half-an-hour.

The Committee also recommended that the House may sit up to 6.00 P.M. daily and beyond, as and when necessary, for the transaction of Government Legislative and other Business.

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I want to raise.....(*Interruptions)*.

SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: (Tamil Nadu): *S\r....(Interruptions).*

* **श्री सभापति**: एक मिनट । आप सब एकसाथ खड़े मत होइए । मुझे मालूम है, आपको क्या बोलना हैं । आप सब बैठ जाइए ।....(व्यवधान)...मेरी बात आप सुन लीजिए । आपने मुझसे बात की हैं । मैं सबको बुलवा दूंगा । अगर पांच-पांच, छह-छह एकसाथ आप लोग खड़े होंगे तो मैं एक को भी नहीं बोलने दूंगा । आप लोग बैठ जाइए । मैं नाम लूंगा सबका एक एक करके ।

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MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): On behalf of my senior colleague, Shri L.K. Advani, I move the following Motion:—

"That in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the official Languages Act, 1963 (19 of 1963), this House do proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional

representation by means of single transferable vote, one Member from among the Members of the House to be a Member of the Committee on Official Language in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. C. Narayana Reddy from the membership of Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 2003".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR

Proposal to allow Hindi Language for conducting Defence Services Officers Examinations

SHRIRG. NARAYANAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Defence Minister has come out with a shocking proposal that Hindi alone, among the Indian languages, will be used for conducting the Defence Services officers' examinations. There are 16 regional languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. But by conducting examinations only in Hindi, the Union Government will be discriminating against 40 crore Indians who do not know Hindi. This kind of unwarranted act of the Defence Ministry creates linguistic problems which will definitely pose a serious threat to the unity and integrity of the country.

When the same issue was raised in Lok Sabha in 1966, the then Deputy Home Minister, Shri V.C. Shukla, assured the House that in addition to English, all national languages listed in the Eighth Schedule would be introduced simultaneously as medium for -UPSC and other examination. Now that assurance has been violated. Again, the Government is trying to impose Hindi for conducting the Defence Services examinations.

The action of the Defence Minister, Shri George Fernandes will create social tension, which is avoidable. The people of Tamil Nadu, cutting across party lines, will resist any move to impose Hindi like this. On behalf of the 40 crore non-Hindi speaking Indians, I demand that the Defence Minister should roll back the proposal of conducting the examination only in Hindi and introduce all the Indian languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution to be the medium for conducting the examination. Thank you.